

# PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

## **MEDICAL ASSISTING ADVISORY /COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES [Combined with College Business Partnership/Program Advisory Council Recognition Event and Electronic Means)]**

**March 31, 2015  
5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.  
Duncan Theatre**

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### **ITEM 1. AS Degree in Medical Assisting Update**

**Discussion:** At November 4, 2014 MA Advisory Council Meeting, Dr. Theresa Errante Parino provided input on creation of a Medical Assisting AS Degree and CCC after working on these plans with the FDOE Tracy Yacobellis and Chris Hardy.

**Data/data source:** Dr. Theresa Errante-Parino

**Action:** For the AS Degree, the State of Florida DOE has allowed the AS Degree for Medical Assistants to be offered at public post-secondary schools. This will go into effect starting August 2015. It is up to each school to decide if they would like to offer it to the students or not.

BK—PBSC considered post-secondary. Is IRSC implementing this? TEP—response—IRSC not offering yet due to lack of staffing. Hope to offer it in the future. Betty Springer—Does this mean the same core curriculum and required standards with just the “degree” part added, i.e. gen ed? TEP—response—“Yes, it would be the same MA program that is currently in place with gen ed courses added and of course everything would need to be in college credit not clock hour. So, essentially, there could be 2 programs at the same time, 1 vocational, and 1 degree. There is flexibility in also letting those who did vocational, convert to college credit if they decided to pursue the career ladder. Again, this is up to each school on how they would like to handle it.” Betty Springer—response—“Thanks for info. I understand more now. Appreciate it. There is a tendency for us “lay” people to think the more years of college, the bigger difference in potential....however, in this case it appears as if the actual professional component is duplicate....and the advantage for the AA is the potential to continue and raise career potential. Win Win at this point.”

### **ITEM 2. CMA (AAMA) Exam Fees**

**Discussion:** TEP will be discussing with IRSC by going to FA and then Curriculum to add CMA(AAMA)Exam Fee to one of their last classes as a “special fee” for FA to pick up, and then to Curriculum. Will not be able to do this until late summer.

**Data/data source:** Dr. Theresa Errante-Parino

### ITEM 3. Meaningful Use.

Betty Springer and Pamela Burgering, of Tenet Physician Services discussed the “Meaningful Use” (MU) definition. The following information is taken from Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, AAMA Chief Executive Officer and Legal Counsel article in CMA Today Magazine. “ How the CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) meaningful use (MU) order entry rule applies to academic medical assisting programs, students, educators and practicum sites, and on what medical assisting educators (and all allied health educators) need to know about it.” “On Aug. 23, 2012, the CMS issued a rule stating that only “credentialed medical assistants” (as well as licensed health care professionals) would **be permitted to enter medication, laboratory and radiology orders** into the computerized provider order entry (CPOE) system for meaningful use calculation purposes under the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (HER) Incentive Programs. This rule went into effect Jan. 1, 2013. “

As per Donald A. Balasa, article—“The CMS order entry rule—What educators need to know.” “A medical assistant must take and pass a medical assisting examination offered by an entity other than the employer in order to meet the CMS definition of “credentialed medical assistant.” “The credentialing would have to be obtained from *an organization* (emphasis added) other than the employing organizations.” “We do not believe that a layperson is qualified to do this, and as there is no licensing or credentialing (emphasis added) of Scribes, there is no guarantee of their qualifications.” “On Practicum, students can enter orders into CPOE system for review by a credentialed medical assistant or a licensed health care professional. If that person reviews the entry by the student and then transmits it, the order entry would meet the CMS requirement. Same principle would apply to Extern students in allied health programs other than medical assisting that enter orders into the CPOE system. Individuals entering anything into the EHR *other than* an order as the 3 above do not have to be credentialed medical assistants or licensed health care professionals. Consequently, students on their practicums can enter non-order information into the EHR with no effect on meaningful use compliance by the practicum site.”

**OTHER. AAMA 2015 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference September 18-21, 2015 Portland, Oregon. MAERB Forum to discuss new 2015 Standards and Guidelines, effective immediately. New and continuing accreditation projects, initiatives and issues with the Program Directors of programs accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) will be discussed.**

**TBP and BK requested Pamela B. to speak to MA students regarding Risk Management for the Medical Assistant, if she could fit into her schedule.**

<b>Attendance:</b>	Mary Lou Allison,	Pamela Burgering, RN,	Dr. Theresa Errante-
<b>Betty Springer, FSMA;</b>	FSMA; Past President of	LHRM, Tenet Florida	Parino, Program
<b>Past President of AAMA.</b>	AAMA	Physician	Director of MA at IRSC
		Services/Employer	

Barbara Kalfin, Program  
Director, MA at PBSC

Dr. Jacqueline Rogers  
Dean, Health Sciences &  
Public Safety

Absent: Shamima  
Kader, MA  
Alumin;Thomas  
Whelan, MA student  
now Alumni; Lynelle C.  
Zelnar, Public Member.

Nancy C. Zinser  
Associate Dean,  
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